



# Why God Became Man

(Hebrews 2:5-18)



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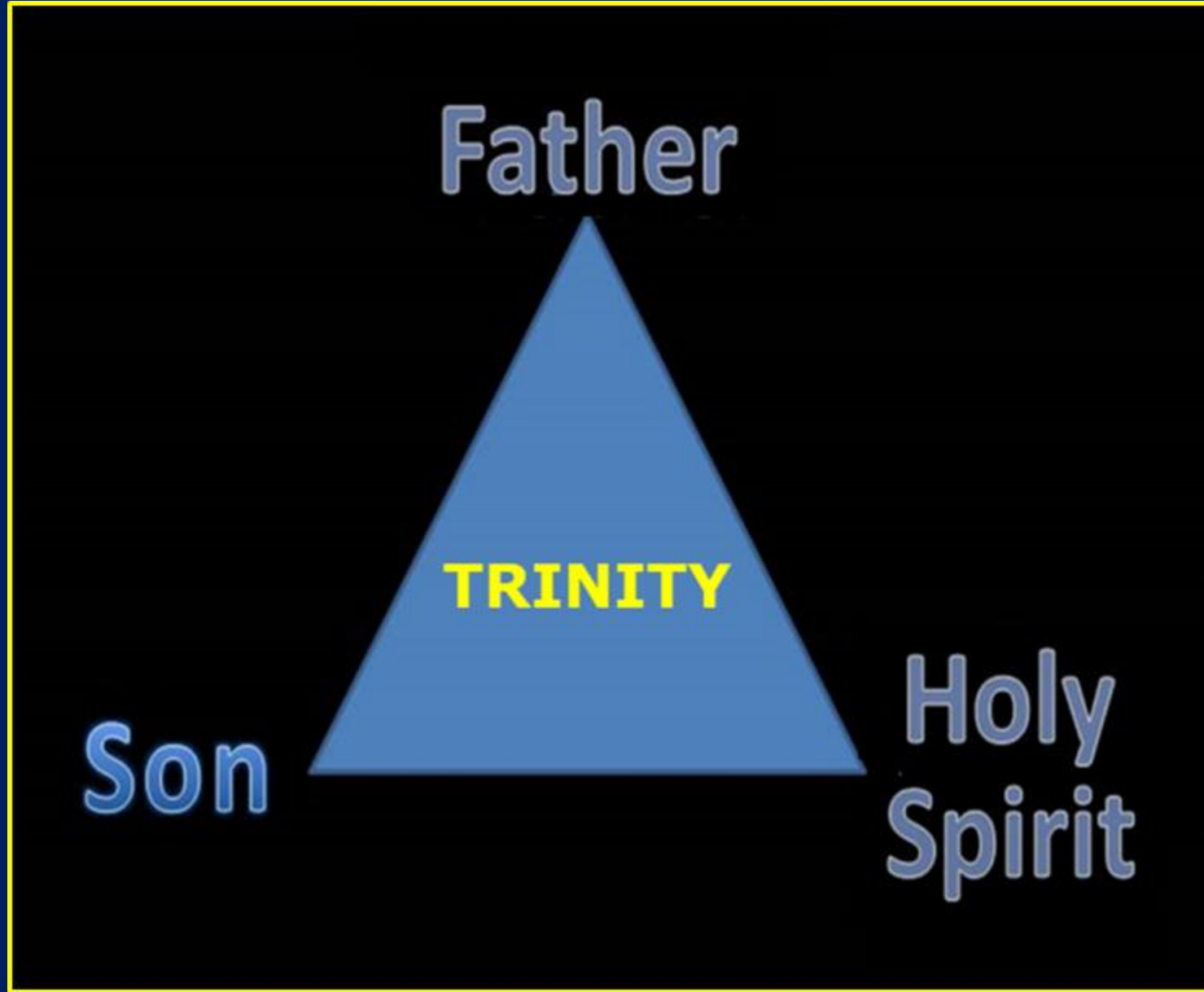
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Father

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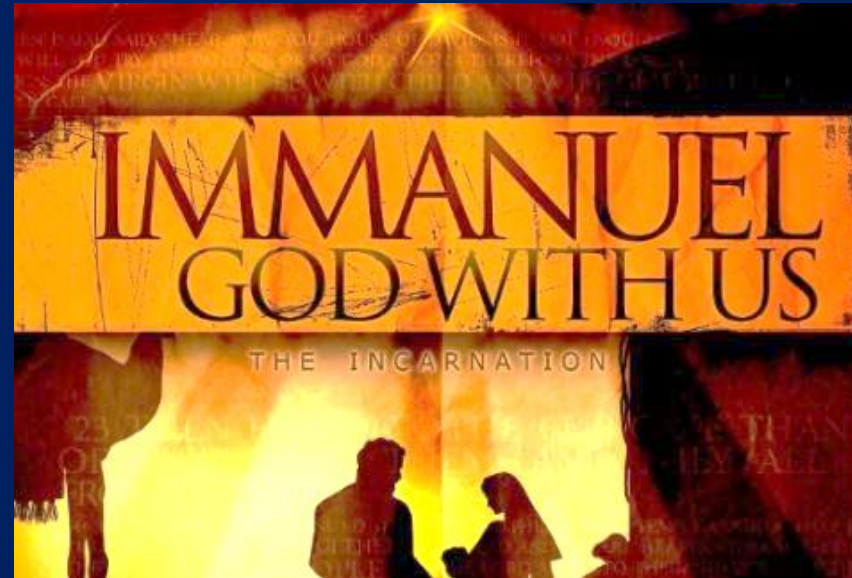
Son

Holy  
Spirit



# An Important Doctrine

- Incarnation
- Hypostatic Union
- 100% God
- 100 % Man
- Unique God-Man



## John 1:14

“And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten [monogenēs] from the Father, full of grace and truth.”





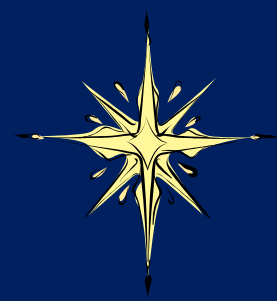
## Dr. John Walvoord

*Jesus Christ Our Lord, 143-44*

“The act of *kenosis* [*emptying*] as stated in Philippians 2 may therefore be properly understood to mean that Christ surrendered no attribute of deity, but that He did voluntarily restrict their independent use in keeping with His purpose of living among men and their limitations.”

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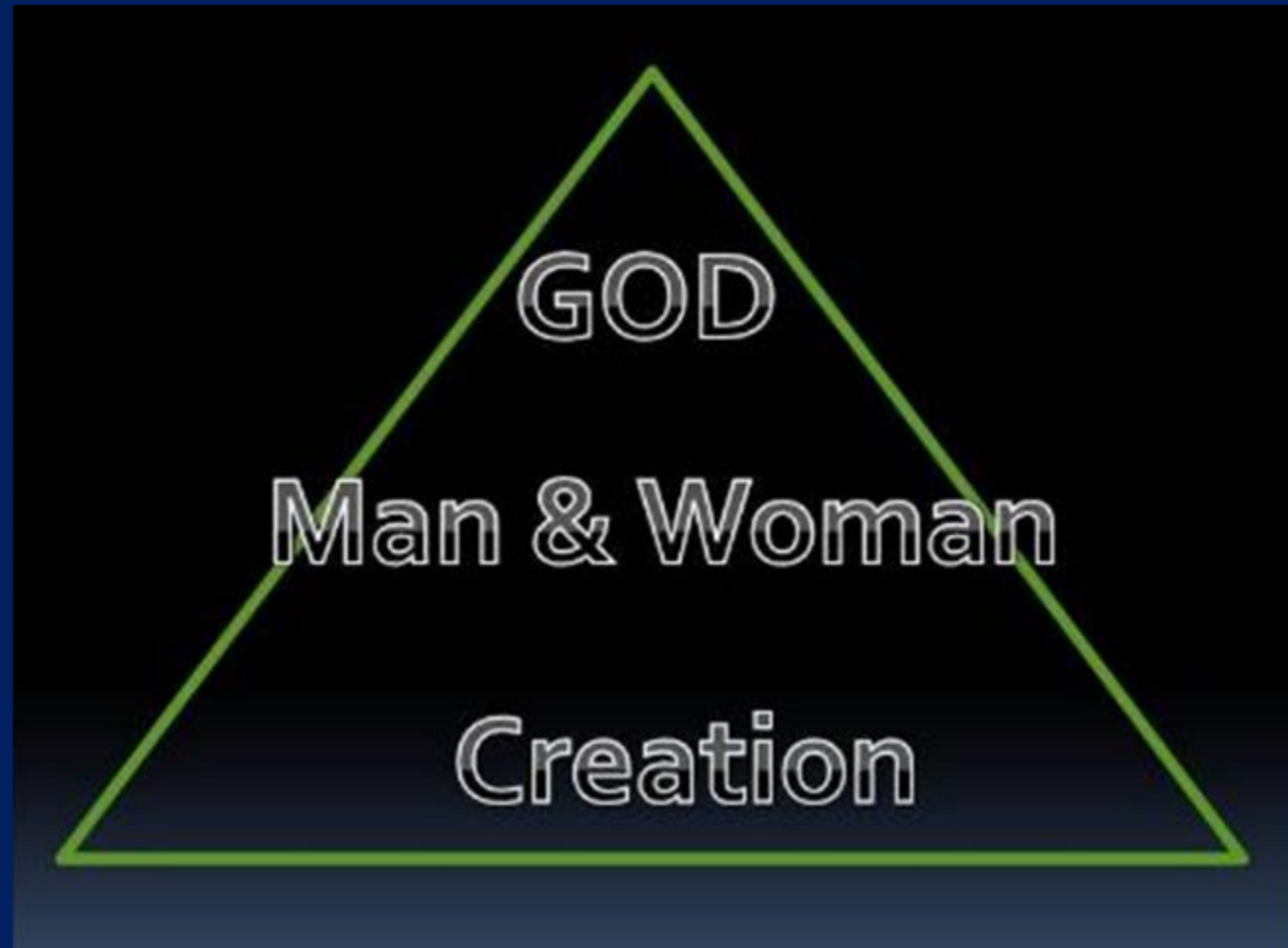


## Genesis 1:26-28

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” <sup>27</sup> God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. <sup>28</sup> God blessed them; and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”



# Theocratic Administrator





# Names & Titles Demonstrating Satan's Post-Fall, Earthly Authority

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# To Reverse Man's Sinful Condition

- Adam's disobedience affected all
- Christ's obedience blessed all
- Christ is the last Adam
  - ◆ 1 Cor 15:45; Rom 5:18-19



# The Two Most Influential Men in World History

	<b>ADAM</b>	<b>JESUS</b>
Single action	<b>Disobedience</b>	<b>Obedience</b>
Tree	<b>Knowledge</b>	<b>Cross</b>
Universal impact	<b>Curse</b>	<b>Blessing</b>
Birth	<b>Physical</b>	<b>Spiritual</b>
Adam	<b>First</b>	<b>Last</b>

## Romans 8:19-23

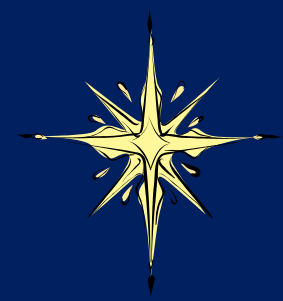
<sup>19</sup> “For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God. <sup>20</sup> For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup> that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup> For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now. <sup>23</sup> And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body.”





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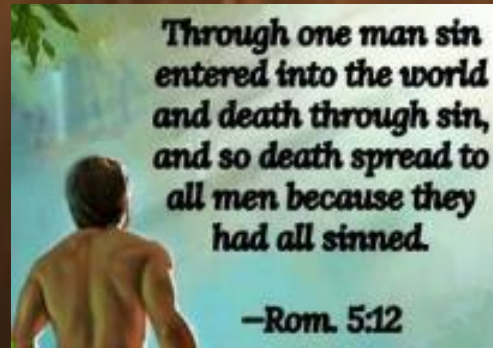
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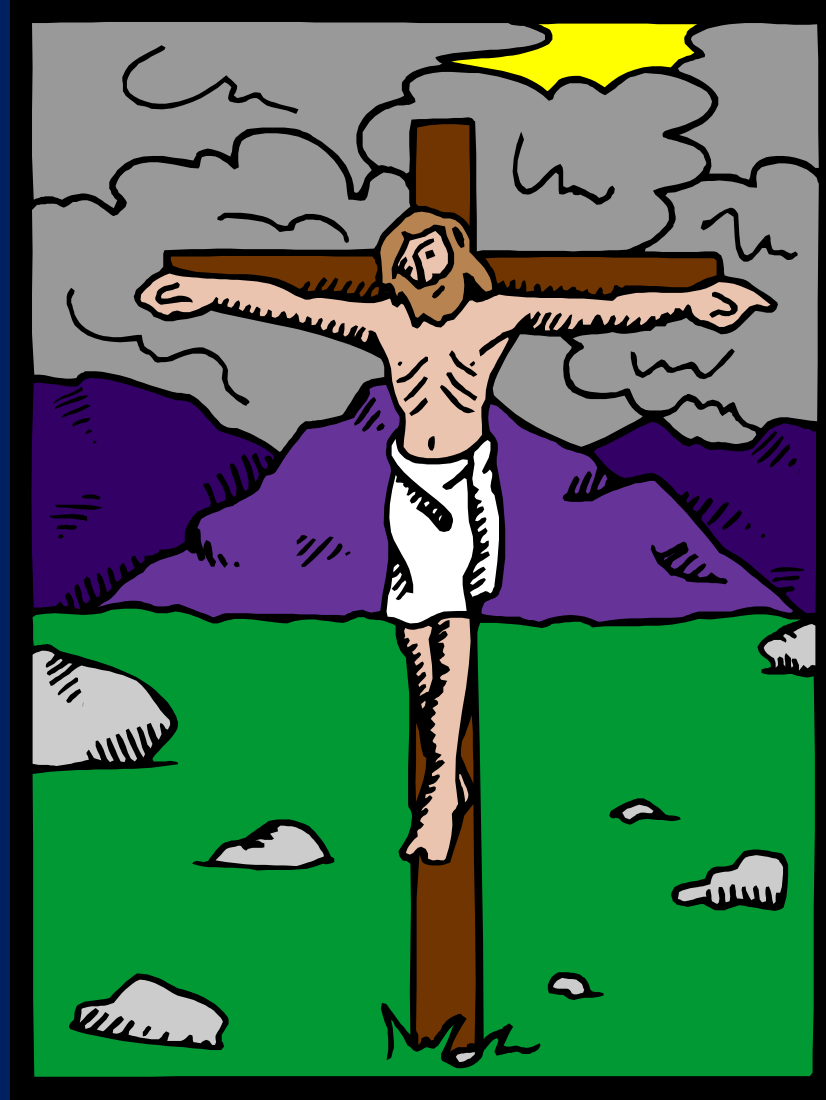
## Genesis 2:16-17

“<sup>16</sup> The Lord God commanded the man, saying, ‘From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; <sup>17</sup> but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die (*muwth*).’”



# To Pay the Penalty for Man's Sin

- Gen. 2:17
- Gen. 3:21
- Ezek. 18:20
- Rom. 6:23
- Hebrews 2:9



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## Jay Adams

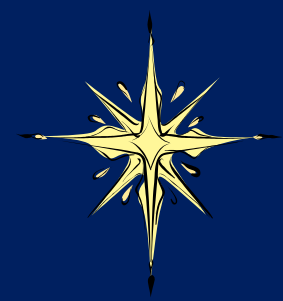
*Competent to Counsel, 70.*

"But counselors, as Christians, are obligated to present the claims of Christ. They must present the good news that Christ Jesus died on the cross in the place of His own, that He bore the guilt and suffered the penalty for their sins. He died that all whom the Father had given to Him might come unto Him and have life everlasting. As a reformed Christian, the writer believes that counselors must not tell any unsaved counselee that Christ died for him, **FOR THEY CANNOT SAY THAT**. No man knows except Christ Himself who are His elect for whom He died."  
[emphasis mine]



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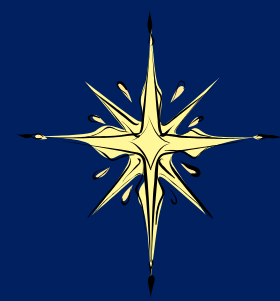
## Romans 8:29–30

<sup>29</sup> “For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to become* conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; <sup>30</sup> and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.”



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“Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil.”



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## Revelation 5:5

and one of the elders said to me, “Stop weeping; behold, the Lion that is from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome so as to open the book and its seven seals.”

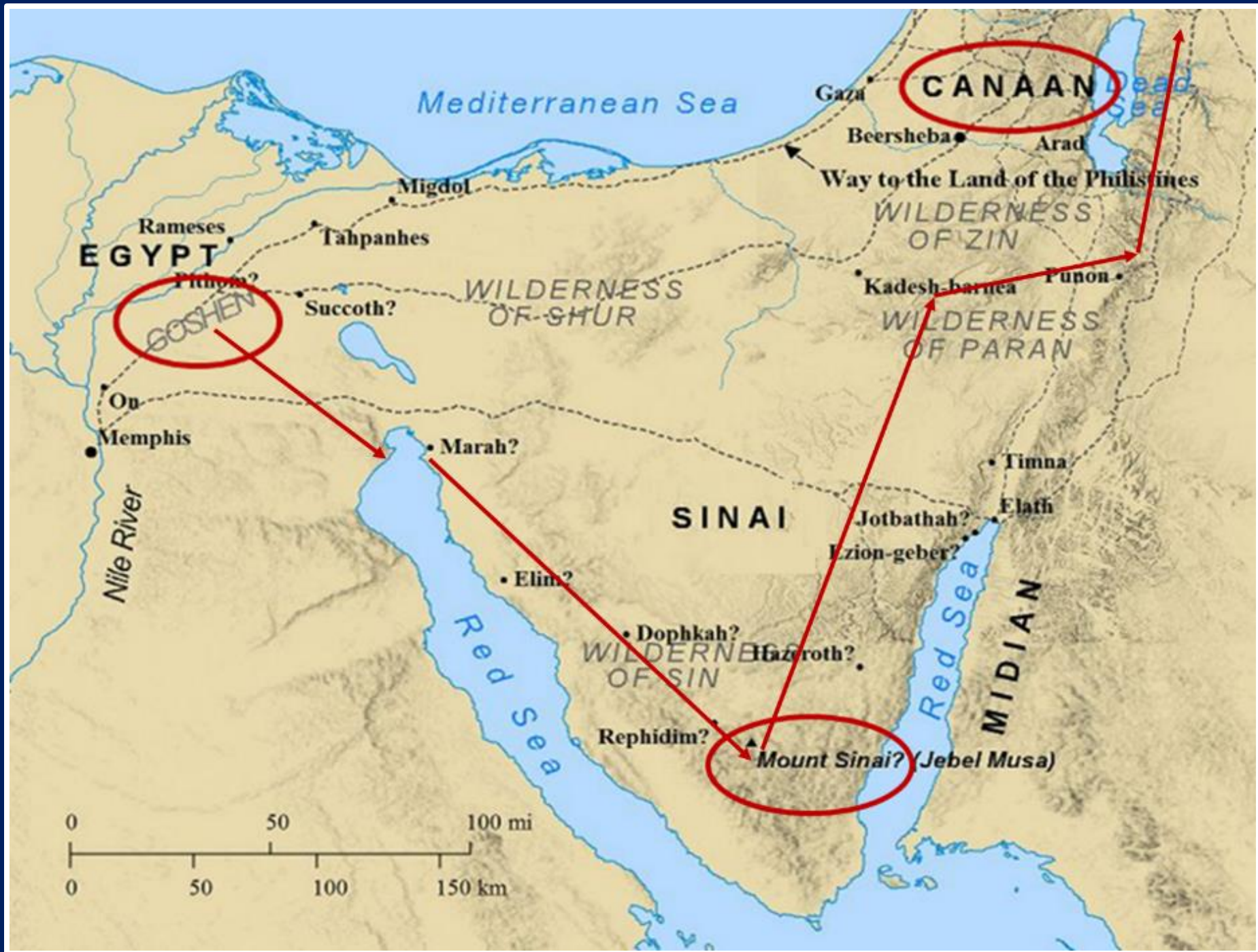


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# Ultimate Exodus

(Rev 11:15)

- **Sores**: 6<sup>th</sup> plague (Ex 9:8-12), 1<sup>st</sup> bowl (Rev 16:1-2)
- **Rivers to blood**: 1<sup>st</sup> plague (Ex 7:19-21), 3<sup>rd</sup> bowl (Rev 16:4-7)
- **Darkness**: 9<sup>th</sup> plague (Ex 10:21-23), 5<sup>th</sup> bowl (Rev 16:10-11)
- **Frogs**: 2<sup>nd</sup> plague (Ex 7:25–8:15), 6<sup>th</sup> bowl (Rev 16:13)
- **Hail**: 7<sup>th</sup> plague (Ex 9:22-26), 7<sup>th</sup> bowl (Rev 16:17-21)



## John 16:33

“These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome [*nikaō*; perfect tense] the world.”



## 1 John 4:4

“You are from God, little children, and have overcome [*nikaō*; perfect tense] them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.”



## 1 John 5:4-5

“<sup>4</sup> For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. <sup>5</sup> Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?”



## Romans 8:37

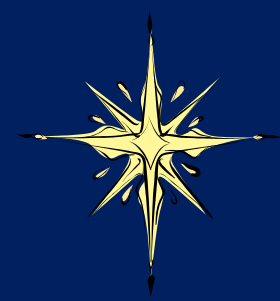
“But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer [*hypernikaō* , present tense] through Him who loved us.”





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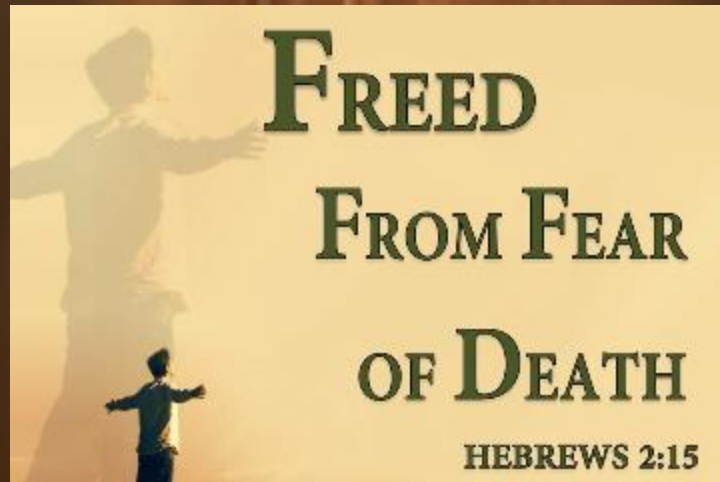
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“and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.”





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## 2 Corinthians 5:8

“we are of good courage, I say, and prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord.”



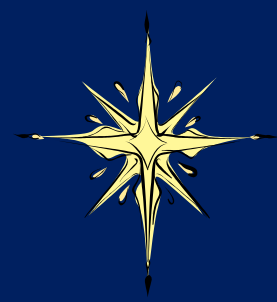
## Philippians 1:21-24

<sup>21</sup> “For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. <sup>22</sup> But if I *am* to live *on* in the flesh, this *will mean* fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which to choose. <sup>23</sup> But I am hard-pressed from both *directions*, having the desire to depart and be with Christ, for *that* is very much better; <sup>24</sup> yet to remain on in the flesh is more necessary for your sake.”



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# To Become Man's Merciful High Priest

- Definition of a priest
- Job's cry (Job 9:32-33)
- One mediator (1 Timothy 2:5)





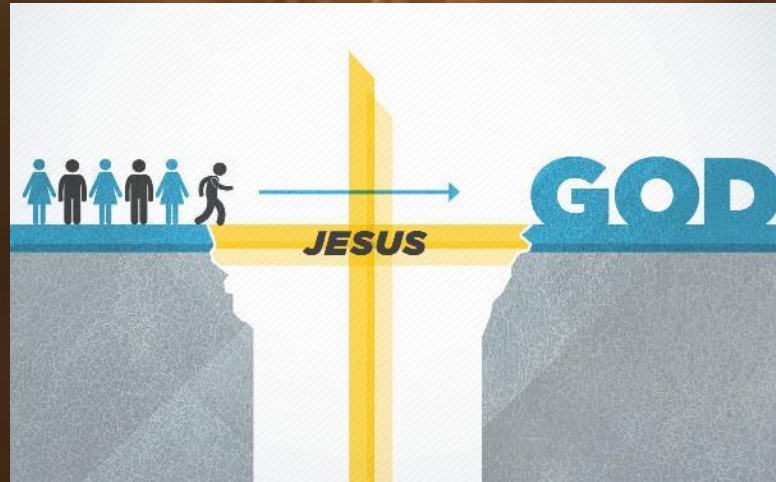
## Job 9:32-33

<sup>32</sup> “For *He is* not a man as I am that I may answer Him,  
That we may go to court together. <sup>33</sup> There is no umpire  
between us, Who may lay his hand upon us both.”



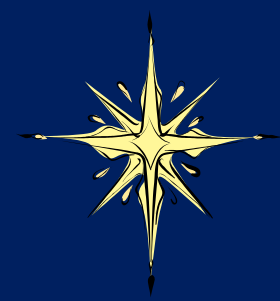
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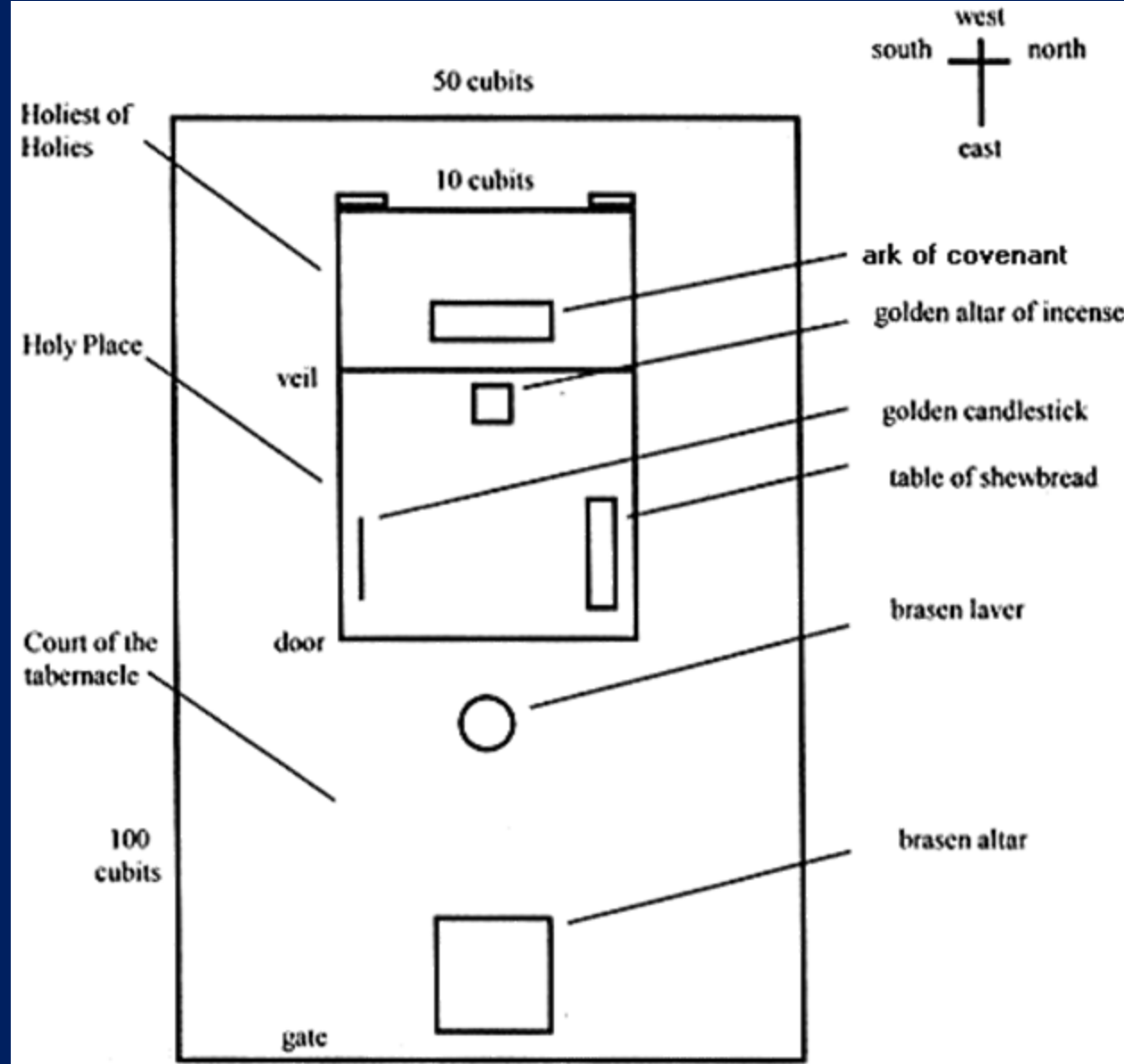
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# Tabernacle Diagram





# Ark of the Covenant



## Hebrews 10:5-7

<sup>5</sup> Therefore, when He comes into the world, He says, “SACRIFICE AND OFFERING YOU HAVE NOT DESIRED, BUT A BODY YOU HAVE PREPARED FOR ME;<sup>6</sup> IN WHOLE BURNT OFFERINGS AND *sacrifices* FOR SIN YOU HAVE TAKEN NO PLEASURE.<sup>7</sup> “THEN I SAID, ‘BEHOLD, I HAVE COME (IN THE SCROLL OF THE BOOK IT IS WRITTEN OF ME) TO DO YOUR WILL, O GOD.’”



## John 19:30

Therefore when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “**It is finished!**” [*tetelestai*] And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.



## Religion says...



**This is salvation by works.**

## God says...



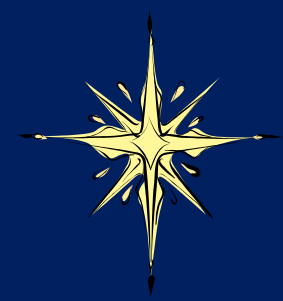
**This is salvation by God's grace.**

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## Hebrews 2:18

“For since He Himself was tempted in that which He has suffered, He is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted.”



# To Become Man's Merciful High Priest

- Definition of a priest
- Christ experienced temptations (Heb 2:18)
- Christ experienced our trials (Heb 4:15)



## Hebrews 4:15-16

<sup>15</sup> “For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as *we are, yet* without sin.

<sup>16</sup> Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”



# Christ's Human Experiences

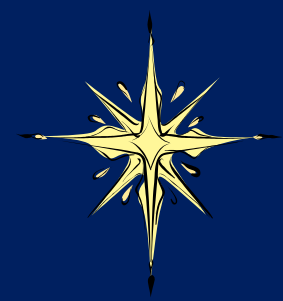
- Labor (Mark 6:3)
- Distress (Luke 22:44)
- Being troubled (John 12:27)
- Thirst (John 19:28)
- Hunger (Matt 4:2)
- Fatigue (John 4:6)
- Sadness (John 11:35)
- Lack of understanding (Matt 24:36)
- Temptation (Luke 4:1-13; Heb. 4:15)





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<sup>24</sup> The LORD bless you, and keep you; <sup>25</sup> The LORD make His face shine on you, And be gracious to you; <sup>26</sup> The LORD lift up His countenance on you, And give you peace.

Numbers 6:24–26 (NASB95)